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THE SAMPHIRE GATHERER'S STORY. "It was here, sir, that Mr. Clements de-

" How fearful! ' I exclaimed, soarcely venturing to look down a precipice at least six

hundred feet deep.

To repeat in a few words what had occupied nearly an hour, and omitting his numerous digressions, the samphire gatherer's tale ran

At the close of the last century, he and his father, samphire gatherers by trade, had assisted in lewering one Mr. Clements down the cliff under rather extraordinary circumstances. Mr. Clements was then returning home along the downs from the then retired but now fashionable town of —, when he recognized a boat a mile from the shore, strongly resembling one in which his wife and sister were in the frequent habit of passing hours, in a little bay or inlet of the sea near his house. He hastened home, only to have all doubts removed as to their identity; and hurrying back to the spot where he had first observed them, found, to his extreme terror, that the boat had been deserted by its occupants, who had been seen wandering on the rocks beneath the cliff. To approach them by the sea, on either side, in time to rescue them from their impending danger, was impossible. The tide was rising fast, their destruction seemed inevitable. In this emergency, the samphire gatherers were thought of and sought for; and, declining all their offers, Clements insisted upon descend-ing the cliff, in hope of placing his wife and sister upon some rock or spot where they might remain in safety till the arrival of the boats from —. Thus far had the samphire gatherer got to his story, which he was relating to me as we strolled along the cliffs, when he paused, as I have already mentioned above, and pointed to the spot where Mr. Clements

Following his example, and taking a seat on the grass near him, the old man continued his tale. I give it in his own words :

"Well, sir, when we found we could not persuade him to let one of us go down in his place, father, as usual, secured a crowbar into the earth, a few feet from the edge of the cliff, and then, twining the rope once around it in order to give us a steadier hold on Mr. Clements, fastened it under his arms. We then made him change his coat for one of our frocks, such as you see the common people wear in these parts; and taught him how to put his feet steadily against the sides of the cliff—as it were thus; and made him take the rope in his hands just above the knot, and told him to lean out as far as he possibly could, and to work downwards with his feet and look up, and keep a lookout for the stones and rubbish which the rope might dislodge. We told him all this, sir, and bade him not be frightened at the birds, as they would not harm him; the sun had se', sir, and they always made a horrible screeching if you go down the cliffs after they had gone to roost; and that if he altered his mind and wished to come back, he had only to give the rope a couple of pulls and we'd haul him back. 'No, no,' said Mr. Clements, there's no necessity for that. When I get to the bottom wait for a quarter of an hour; if at the end of that time I give no signal for you the bottom wait for a quarter of an hour; if at the end of that time I give no signal for you to pull me up, you will know that the ladies are safe, and then make what haste you can are safe, and then make what haste you can and get a boat from —. I am ready now,' says he in a faint voice, and his teeth all the while chattering with fear. Never was a man so frightened as he was at that moment. Well, sir, father and I once more lifted the rope, and Mr. Clements leaned back over the edge of edge of the cliff. Down he went, and we soon lost sight of him.

"Working with his feet, as father had told him, we slowly supplying the rope as he required it, he moved safely down for a bit, then he rested on a jutting rock. All this time he kept his eyes on the sky. Pressing cautiously with his feet against the chalk, his body at almost triangles with the cliff, his hands grasping the rope or sheltering his face from the shower of stones and dirt which it dislodged. He had got about a hundred feet from the top, when, suddenly slipping from the cliff, his chest and face were thrown violently against it. He endeavored to regain his footing against the rocks, and in so doing broke through a resolution he had formed, and looked beneath him. It was rare sight, that, for the first time. Well do I remember how my head swam as I looked at the water far, far below; and the waves that one could see, but not hear, they broke over the singles. Presence of mind, on which he had so vaunted himself, where was it now? He was about to pull the rope, but he thought of his poor wife and sister, and that was enough. On he went. To regain a footing was impossible. Father and I kept gradually lowering the rope; and with his face to the cliff, his hands outstretched, catching at each object as he passed; enveloped in a shower of stenes and chalk, while he had not the strength to avoid; grasping and panting for breath, poor Mr. Clements slided down for another hundred feet. Here the cliff arched inwards, forming an immense hollow, like yonder rock, sir; and swinging to and fro, and round and round, as it were between heaven and earth, down he went. At one moment the wide ocean met his dizzy gaze; and at another, flocks of startled birds flew around his head, uttering their shrill and angry cries. Again, sir, he found himself sliding down against the side of the cliff, his flesh all sore and torn, and his body and arms in absolute t orture from the pressure of the rope. Again, in agony, he made a frantic ef-fort to gain a footing; but in so doing, fastened one of his legs in a narrow fissure or opening in the rock. Vain was the struggle to release it, sir; Mr. Clements was either too weak and faint, or the limb too firmly secured in the rock. All his efforts were useless; and I shudder at the bare recollection while I tell it, we continued supplying the rope! Hanging by the leg, head downwards, there he lay; the cormorants and mews flitting around him and joining in his frightful shrieks. " Horrible! was he long thus?"

" Not long, sir. Father soon discovered that there was no weight or pull upon the rope, and surmising from his experience what had occurred, we raised it a few feet and released Mr. Clements from his painful situation. From that moment he told me he was unconscious as to whether he was ascending or descending, until he heard his name called in a faint voice. He opened his eyes. We had lowered him over the arch of an immense cavern, within which all was darkness. The sea was rolling in beneath him; his feet touched it; he felt that he must either swim or drown; he feebly grasped the rope; a thrill of joy ran through his veins as he found an unexpected footing on a realsurmising from his experience what had occurthe rope; a thrill of joy ran through his veins as he found an unexpected footing on a rock, concealed by waves, in about three feet of water; the depth around for the present mattered not. He remained for a few moments motionless on the rock. His name was again called: the sound came from the interior of the cave.

"Extricating himself from the rope, he made an effort to swim; he found that he had more strength than he had thought; swam forward through the darkness of the cavern; he struggled-sank-rose again-heard his name called louder and nearer-and one more effort-felt the sand, the smooth sand, under his feet-staggered forward-reeled, and fell exhausted into the arms of his wife."

"And his sister?" "The ladies were both there, sir. The cave was about fifty feet in depth, sloping upwards towards the back, and partly filled with weeds, stones and sand Here Mrs. Clements and her sister had been driven to take refuge from the rising tide. They had landed from the boat on the rocks, at some distance from the cavern, in the hope of finding a pathway or outlet by which they could escape up the cliff. After a long and hopeless search they bethought them of the boat, and to their average of the boat and to their average of the boat and the boat are the cavern, in the cavern,

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fast, and the ladies cheered each other with the hope that they should escape. Fortunately, the darkness of the cave prevented their discovering the hight to which the water usually

"As you might imagine, Mr. Clements was some time before he recovered his senses. His wife was kneeling beside him, chafing his brows, when her sister, starting up, called her attention to the repe by which he had descended. We were pulling it up; and he shook his head as it disappeared over the arch of the cavern. Well he knew how useless it would be for them to use it. 'It matters not,' said he; 'they (meaning us) have gone to —. We shall have boats here soon; we are quite safe,'
and so on; endeavoring to keep their spirits
up, while he well knew that in the darkness
the chances were that the boat would never

find the cave. "Two hours, sir—two long hours—passed in this way, and Mr. Clements had given up all hope. The water kept rising and rising, until at last the waves broke at their feet, and each instant threatened their destruction. The ladies were almost dead with cold and fear, when a large, heavy, Dutch-built boat-you don't see such now, sir - swept, with scarcely a sound, under the arch into the cave, her prow coming close upon the spot where Mr, Clements and the ladies were. They did not see her until they were within the cavern; and no wonder, for the oars were muffled, and those who were in her were silent as the grave. It was part of the cargo of a French smuggler, lying a few miles off, that her crew, assisted by some fishermen, were about to land, and they had taken shelter in a cavern, having been alarmed by the approach of a boat up the coast. Fortunate was it that Mr. Clements prevented them from calling out for assistance for them."

"Why I should have thought that in such a moment-

" Not they, sir, not they; and Mr. Clements knew it. Desperate men like them would have left the poor things to drown, or have murdered them. No; Mr. Clements knew better. He tried a last and dangerous chance, but it was his only one. While the men had their heads turned to the opening of the cavern. watching the boat pass, the sight of which had driven them into it, he lifted the ladies gently in the bow of the boat. They couldn't hear him for the noise of the waves; there was plenty of room for them, and he drew a sail over them, and was just going to step in himself, when one of the men turned, and he had only time to conceal himself under the bows of the boat before she was again moving slowly out of the cave, with, as her crew little suspected, the addition of two their number since she had entered it.

"They went about a quarter of a mile down under the cliff, and landed a boy, who disappeared like a flash up the rocks. A dead silence ensued; no one ventured to speak; the men rested on their oars, and the boat gently rose and sank on the waves. At last the silence was broken; something dark was hurled down the cliff, at a short distance from the boat. It fell heavily on the rocks. 'God forgive him, he's tossed him over,' said one of the men. sleep. There's always a reason for it, sir. They were going to land their cargo, when they heard a gun in the offing, from one of the king's cutters. The alarm had been given. Not a moment was to be lost; and straining

every nerve, they bore out to sea.
"They were about two miles from the shore when some of the men declared it was a lost job, and that they could go no further. Mrs. Clements was quite senseless from cold and exhaustion, but her sister listened eagerly to what the men said. They had some angry words, but the meaning of their conversation she could not understand. There was a little boat astern of the larger one, which they drew to it and entered one by one, the last man calling out as he stepped in, 'now, boys, pull for your lives; they'll make after us on finding

they've lost their prize."
"The boat had disappeared in the surrounding darkness before the terrified lady comprehended all; and then, in a moment, the frightful truth flashed upon her. The devils had scuttled the boat and it was sinking fast. She uttered one prayer, and turned to kiss her sleeping sister, when Mr. Clement's voice sounded almost at her side. There he was in the same little pleasure boat which had been the cause of all their misfortunes. He had just time to lift the ladies from the boat and get clear of her when she went down. The revenue cutter came up and took them aboard all safe; but many months passed before Mrs. Clements recovered from the event of that dreadful night."

"What became of Mr. Clements when they left him in the cave?" "Held on to the boat for a few moments, till

they got outside, and then swam to the rocks, where he found his little pleasure boat, and entering it followed in the wake of the larger vessel, and was thus in time to save the lives of his wife and sister.

"The sun is setting, sir." added the samphire gatherer, touching his hat to me; "I must be going homeward. Mayhap when you are strolling, one of these days, on the rocks below you will look at the cavern where Mr. Clements found his wife. You can imagine better than I can describe what must have been their feelings in such a place and at such a time. Good evening, sir.'

THE DESIGN UPON THE CAPITAL.—It seems to be well established that an important feature of the secession movement is the seizure of the National Capital. The Conspirators are quite right in supposing that the possession of the seat of Government would give them a prodigious advantage in the consummation of their schemes. Gov. Wise is generally regarded as the author of the project, which was originally devised for the contingency of Fremont's election in 1856. Since that time the organization has been extended and perfected. Minute-men have been enlisted in Virginia and Maryland, and large bodies of Baltimore roughs and rowdies have been secured for when the counting of the Presidential vote was to be interrupted and the constitutional declaration of Mr. Lincoln's election prevented.

Such are the few facts of the plot which have thus far obtained publicly; facts enough, however, to put all parties ont heir gaurd and probably to defeat the whole scheme.—N. Y. Times.

VIRGINIA STATE FINANCES .- Balance in treas ury on the 1st October, 1860...... \$ 139,305.18 Estimated receipts for the fiscal year, 1860-'61...... 3,938,476 38

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Henry Alters was hung in Waterloo recently for murder. He unwillingly shot a farmer at the instance of his wife, she threatening to abandon him unless he performed the deed. He died happily ignorant of her heartless scheme to free herself of his companionship and in the full comfort of the gospel.

of the boat, and to their extreme terror found that it had been carried away by the rising tide, which now partly covered the rocks They had just time to climb into the cavern over the fallen rocks under the rocks under th fallen rocks under the arch, when the water, sweeping in, closed all the entrances to any but a swimmer. Although the tide was rising MISCELLANEOUS.

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